

## **KSB Season Summer Report 7: Senior Men Round 8.**

Our return to Aberfeldie on Saturday was quite a hot and torrid affair. We were due for a hot competition day and we got it! The AV heat policy wisely came into play with shorter walks and distance events, but KSB seemed to be very well represented despite the high temperatures, which luckily did not get quite as high as predicted.

We are now two thirds of the way through the season with 8 of the 12 rounds completed. With the cancellation of round 9 due to heat, there are only 3 rounds left for those still needing qualifiers and it was clear that the KSB men in all divisions were doing their best to earn additional points and to make sure that we were competing in as many events as possible. This was very much in evidence in the 40+ competition with many athletes competing in multiple events.

Because of changes to event distances due to the heat policy results were delayed for nearly a week and hence this delayed report. Ladder positions for some of our teams have become clearer. The Div 2 men had more competitors and in more events and so had an excellent winning round. They are now well clear of third on the ladder and seem destined for finals action. The under 16 and under 14 men also had excellent rounds and cemented their positions at the top of their ladders, but are just ahead of their strong rivals Western Athletics. These teams will continue their strong rivalries in the finals.

The under 18 team had only a couple of athletes available and so struggled in round 8 and are now well back in fourth position and out of finals contention. The 40+ team put up a real fight but finished a close second to Essendon by a mere two points losing its position at the top of the ladder. We are now in second position and a mere 3 points ahead of third placed Western Athletics so our place in the finals is very much at stake over the final 3 rounds. Despite have many of our athletes competing in multiple events, we really will need to have all our 40+ athletes competing in as many events as possible in the next couple of rounds if we are to remain in finals contention.

| Competition    | 1      | 2      | 3      | 4      |
|----------------|--------|--------|--------|--------|
| Open men Div 2 | BRN 44 | KSB 35 | WTN 22 |        |
| Men 40+        | ESS 47 | KSB 45 | WES 42 |        |
| U18 men        | ESS 61 | WES 60 | WTN 46 | KSB 45 |
| U16 men        | KSB 82 | WES 78 | WTN 64 | ESS 55 |
| U14 men        | KSB 82 | WES 78 | BWK 60 | ESS 59 |

Gerry Brown still nursing a troublesome injury called lap times the first 3k and then loped along in the second heat and Peter Keighery did multiple events despite an injury and he intends to do the same for the rounds leading up to the finals. Dom Michienzi also got through a number of shorter sprint events showing a real turn of speed .

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